

Better searches. Better results.

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.

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Exact Phrase

What it does: searches for an exact phrase

What to type: "one small step for man"

What you'll get: results that include the exact phrase "one small step for man"



Excluded Words

What it does: excludes search results with a particular word or phrase

What to type: bass -fishing

What you'll get: results about bass that are not related to fishing



Similar Words

What it does: searches for a word and all its synonyms

What to type: ~mobile phone

What you'll get: results with the word "phone," as well as "cell," "cellular," "wireless," etc.



Multiple Words

What it does: searches for webpages that include either word

What to type: vacation London OR Paris

What you'll get: results with the word "vacation" and either "London" or "Paris"



Numerical Ranges

What it does: searches for a range of numbers

What to type: Willie Mays 1950...1960

What you'll get: results about Willie Mays during this time period

define:

Find Meanings

What it does: defines a word or phrase

What to type: define:plethora

What you'll get: links to definitions of the word "plethora"

site:

Site Specific

What it does: searches only particular websites

What to type: global warming site:edu

What you'll get: references to global warming found on .edu websites

link:

Linked Pages

What it does: searches for webpages that link to a particular website

What to type: link:www.umich.edu

What you'll get: websites that link to the University of Michigan website

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Math Answers

What it does: basic calculator functions

What to type: 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sqrt(4), etc.

What you'll get: the answer

cm in foot

Conversions

What it does: converts units of measure

What to type: cm in foot, 28C in F, \$ in pound, days in fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed of light, etc.

What you'll get: the converted answer

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